

and let the American people show what they can do.

Ladies and gentlemen, it's been a hot day; but when I'm gone, I hope you'll remember more than that the President came and you were hot. I hope you will remember that it was the beginning of a new sense of renewal for this region and for all the people in our country to go forward together.

Thank you, and God bless you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 4:10 p.m. on Main Street. In his remarks he referred to Gov. Paul E. Patton of Kentucky and his wife, Judy; Mayor William D. Gorman of Hazard; Perry County Judge-Executive Denny Ray Noble; F. Duane Ackerman, chairman and chief executive officer, Bell South; Richard Huber, chairman and chief executive officer, Aetna, Inc.; Alvin T. (Kit) Stolen III, president and chief executive officer, Bank One Kentucky/Lexington Market; Sara Gould, executive vice president, Ms. Foundation for Women; John H. Sykes, chairman and chief executive officer, Sykes Enterprises, Inc.; civil rights leader Jesse Jackson; retired University of Kentucky basketball broadcaster Cawood Ledford; former University of Kentucky quarterback and top 1999 NFL draft pick Tim Couch, Cleveland Browns; and Jesse L. White, Jr., Federal Cochairman, Appalachian Regional Commission.

### **Letter to Congressional Leaders Transmitting a Report on Emigration Policies and Trade Status of Certain Former Eastern Bloc States**

*July 2, 1999*

*Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)*

On September 21, 1994, I determined and reported to the Congress that the Russian Federation was not in violation of the freedom of emigration criteria of sections 402 and 409 of the Trade Act of 1974. On June 3, 1997, I determined and reported to the Congress that Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine were not in violation of the same provisions, and I made an identical determination on December 5, 1997, with respect to Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. These actions allowed for the continuation of normal trade relations for these countries and certain other activities without the requirement of an annual waiver.

As required by law, I am submitting an updated report to the Congress concerning the emigration laws and policies of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan. The report indicates continued compliance by these countries with international standards concerning freedom of emigration.

Sincerely,

**William J. Clinton**

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Albert Gore, Jr., President of the Senate. This letter was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on July 6.

### **Executive Order 13129—Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions With the Taliban**

*July 4, 1999*

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*) ("IEEPA"), the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*), and section 301 of title 3, United States Code,

**I, William J. Clinton**, President of the United States of America, find that the actions and policies of the Taliban in Afghanistan, in allowing territory under its control in Afghanistan to be used as a safe haven and base of operations for Usama bin Ladin and the Al-Qaida organization who have committed and threaten to continue to commit acts of violence against the United States and its nationals, constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States, and hereby declare a national emergency to deal with that threat.

I hereby order:

**Section 1.** Except to the extent provided in section 203(b) of IEEPA (50 U.S.C. 1702(b)) and in regulations, orders, directives, or licenses that may be issued pursuant to this order, and notwithstanding any contract entered into or any license or permit granted prior to the effective date: